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SUBJ: UNCTAD: CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND
DUTIES OF STATES - PARAS 13 AND 17

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1. SMALL, INFORMAL WORKING GROUP MET PAST MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP AMB BRILLANTES TO ATTEMPT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON SOME OF NUMEROUS OPEN ARTICLES IN CHAPTER II. DESPITE DIFFICULTY OF THE ISSUES AND SLOW PACE OF THE MEETING, THE TONE AND ATMOSPHERE REMAINS REMARKABLY CONCILIATORY FOR AN UNCTAD MEETING OF THIS TYPE. WE SPENT MORE THAN AN HOUR DISCUSSING US DEL AND OTHER B GROUP PROBLEMS WITH LDC DRAFT ON PARA 13 AND RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT, INCLUDING INDIANS, YUGOSLAVS AND FILIPINOS, FOR A COMPROMISE SOLUTION ON

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SAME BASIS SUGGESTED BY DEPARTMENT PARA 2,

REF A, WHICH WE RECEIVED THIS MORNING. US TEXT WAS OPPOSED ONLY BY USSR, EGYPT AND MEXICO. GONZALEZ GALVEZ QUIETLY BUT FIRMLY BLOCKED THIS SOLUTION. HE INDICATED PRIVATELY THAT MORE TIME WOULD BE NEEDED TO BRING OTHER LA DELEGATIONS ALONG BUT DID NOT RPT NOT PROMISE MEXICAN SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF PROGRESS COULD BE MADE ON THIS ISSUE AT MEXICO CITY WHERE IT MAY COME UP UNDER THE HEADING OF ECONOMIC COERCION.

2. DISCUSSIONS LAST NIGHT INDICATED THERE CLEAR POSSIBILITY OF CONSENSUS NOW ON THE FOLLOWING TEXT FOR IMPORTANT PARA 17. QUOTE ALL STATES HAVE THE DUTY TO CONDUCT THEIR MUTUAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN A MANNER WHICH DOES NOT PREJUDICE OR ADVERSELY AFFECT THE INTERESTS OF THIRD COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE B GROUP HAS INSISTED ON DELETION OF PHRASE "IN PARTICULAR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." INDIA, WHICH INDICATES IT HAS SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH "ALL STATES" FORMULA, WILL NOT PERMIT AGREEMENT ON THAT ISSUE UNTIL THE LAST PHRASE IS RESOLVED. WHILE WE REGARD DELETION OF LAST PHRASE AS IMPORTANT TO US INTERESTS, WE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT WE CAN PREVAIL ON THIS ISSUE IN THE END. THERE IS MUCH SOFTENESS ON THE POINT EVEN WITHIN THE B GROUP. FURTHER, THERE IS SOME RISK OF EROSION OF LDC ACCEPTANCE OF STRAIGHT "ALL STATES" FORMULA IF WE WIAT FOR FOURTH SESSION. THE ISSUE IS WHETHER WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CONCILIATORY ATMOSPHERE TO STRIKE A DEAL WHICH IS POSSIBLE NOW OR RE-SERVE THIS QUESTION FOR THE GENERAL TRADING IN THE FOURTH SESSION. OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT WE WILL NOT IMPROVE OUR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE BUT PROBABLY WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THE SAME DEAL LATER THAT WE CAN MAKE NOW. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ASAP.DALE

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